

Application Serial No. 08/689,459 filed August 9, 1996 (issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,689,111 on November 18, 1997), and which claims the priority of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/002,118 filed August 10, 1995, and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/002,122 filed August 10, 1995. The priority of all of the prior applications is claimed, and the disclosures of those applications are fully incorporated herein by reference.

**PLEASE NOTE, A SEPARATE PAGE WITH THE RELATED APPLICATIONS SECTION FOLLOWS THE SIGNATURE PAGE OF THIS AMENDMENT.**

**REMARKS**

In response to the Official Action of November 29, 2005, please consider the following response.

First, applicant has submitted again its official change of address which is again submitted with this Amendment so as to be certain that any reply is sent to our current address at 805 Third Avenue.

This application had been on appeal, with applicant having filed its Appeal Brief on July 11, 2005.

Applicant has been following up on this matter determining when the Examiner was to file a response.

As part of its continuing follow up activity, applicant was advised that the above-identified Official Action has been issued in November and sent to the undersigned's prior address. That Official Action was telefaxed to the undersigned February 3, 2006.

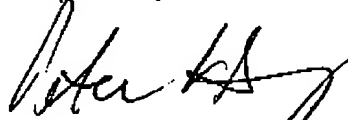
Essentially, the Examiner has asserted that there is a lack of continuity precluding priority being claimed for the list of applications and issued patents identified in the first paragraph of page 2 of the Official Action. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the position taken by the Examiner. Serial No. 09/901,428 has continuity with the line of cases so identified because Serial No. 09/808,468 was a continuation of 09/448,857 which had co-pendency with 09/901,428. That application Serial No. 09/808,468 was filed on March 14, 2001 as a continuation of Serial No. 09/448,857.

Indeed, Serial No. 09/808,468 is before Examiner Kiet Tuan Nguyen, and has been allowed with an Issue Fee having been paid on November 21, 2005.

To the extent that the chain of cases needs to be amended in the Related Applications section, the above amendment is submitted.

In view of this response, it is believed this application should be returned to the appeal process. To our understanding, an Examiner's Reply is overdue, and with this resulting additional delay, it is now almost seven months since applicant's Appeal Brief was filed.

Respectfully submitted,



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### Related Applications

The present application is a continuation of: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/676,124 filed September 29, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/373,337 filed August 12, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/794,970 filed February 5, 1997 (issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,962,851 on October 5, 1999), which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/645,826 filed May 14, 1996 (issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,652,427 on July 29, 1997), and which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/202,505 filed February 28, 1994 (abandoned); and the priority of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/808,468, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/448,857 filed November 23, 1999 (abandoned), which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/971,521 filed November 17, 1997 (issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,020,586 on February 1, 2000) which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/689,459 filed August 9, 1996 (issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,689,111 on November 18, 1997), and which claims the priority of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/002,118 filed August 10, 1995, and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/002,122 filed August 10, 1995. The priority of all of the prior applications is claimed, and the disclosures of those applications are fully incorporated herein by reference.